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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07303.0062

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
)	Notice of Allowance dated: December 19,
Michael BINNARD et al.)	2003
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Application No.: 09/929,025)	Confirmation No. 3636
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Filed: August 15, 2001)	Group Art Unit: 2837
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For: WAFER STAGE WITH)	Examiner: R. LEYKIN
MAGNETIC BEARINGS)	

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Applicants have received the Notice of Allowance and attached Notice of Allowability dated December 19, 2003.

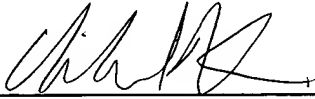
Applicants have claimed priority based on PCT Application Number PCT/US00/10831. A copy of the Claim For Benefit of Earlier Application filed on December 14, 2001, a copy of executed Substitute Declarations filed on February 7, 2002 claiming the benefit of PCT Application Number PCT/US00/10831 (as well as a copy of the date-stamped receipt card showing receipt of the executed Substitute Declarations by OIPE), and a printout of the Continuity Data page for this application from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office PAIR website indicating that this application is a Continuation-in-Part of PCT Application Number PCT/US00/10831 are enclosed. To date, the Examiner has not acknowledged the claim for priority.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37) acknowledging receipt of the claim for priority.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER APPLICATION

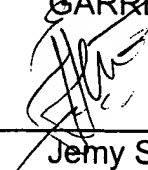
Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 78(a)(2), Applicants hereby claim the benefit of priority based on PCT Application Number PCT/US00/10831, filed April 21, 2000, with respect to the subject matter disclosed in the above identified United States Patent Application which is common to that PCT Application. This application is a continuation-in-part of the PCT application.

Respectfully submitted,

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